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An update on the work of Local Support Organisations



What are LSO?

LSOs or Local Support Organisations are a Union Council level federation of Community Institutions. In a bid to reduce poverty at the household level and empower marginalised people (esp. women), they carry out community-led development and develop linkages with government and non-government organisations.

LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation Rehbar Rehman

Date of Formation

District Kambar Shahdadkot Tehsil: Sijawal

Coverage 70% **Union Council**

Mastoi

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



Total Households in Union Council



2.988

Number of General **Body Members**



Organised Households



2.092

Number of Executive Committee Members



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 7,817,003 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,890,380 disbursed to 890 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,076,700 benefited 236 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 677 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 03 male and 103 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

09 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 64 female beneficiaries through 03 learning Centres

Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **208 sessions** educating **3,000 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning, and cleanliness
- 2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **8,000 children** (**4,000 boys and 4,000 girls**) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,400 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **800 CNICs**, **600 B-forms**, **350 Nikkah Namas**, and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided food ration packs to **150 households** by the help of UC Chairman
- 9. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Rehbar Rehman** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS program is empowering rural women in Sindh by realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organized women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

Promoting Sustainable Energy Use

Due to the unaffordability, many households in the Union Council (UC) Mastoi were unable to pay their electricity bills, which resulted in the disconnection of the power supply. Lack of electricity to power fans and light bulbs hindered their daily activities and made their lives challenging. Thus, to improve their living conditions the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Rehbar's leaders decided to provide an electric connection through the installation of solar panels. For this intent, the LSO leaders held a meeting with the UC Chairman and requested for provision of solar panels. After identifying the number of houses in need of solar panels the UC chairman provided 50 solar panels. Those panels were installed within one month and since then these households enjoy electricity connections without worrying about electricity bills.





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